

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending and per the instant non-final Office Action claims 1-18 and 21-27 stand rejected with claims 19, 20, and 28 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants herein amend objected-to allowable claims 19 and 28 and present claims 19, 20 and 28 for continued examination and timely allowance.

Claims 1-18 and 21-27 are herewith canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof.

Applicants respectfully request entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and remarks tendered herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims 19, 20 and 28 of the present application are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of said pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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